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## III. AN ACT MAKING VOTING COMPULSORY.

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*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every person who may be legally qualified so to do, to vote at each election for all officers to be voted for at such election, and upon all questions that may be submitted to the vote of the people at such election, pursuant to law.

SEC. 2. It shall also be the duty of every person legally entitled to be registered as a qualified voter at any election hereafter to be held, and whose right to vote at such election is dependent upon such registry, to cause his name to be registered as such voter in the manner provided by law for the place at which such election is to be held.

SEC. 3. Sickness, necessary absence from the place where such registry or election is being made or held during the making or holding of the same, or other disability, shall be deemed sufficient excuse for a failure so to register or vote.

SEC. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty of \$25. It shall be the duty of the district attorney for the county in which the delinquent shall reside at the time the liability shall accrue, to sue such delinquent in any court of such county, in the name of the people of the State, for the recovery of any penalty so incurred, and the amount so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of such county, to be applied for any county purpose for which moneys may be raised by taxation, toward the reduction of the same; except that where the delinquent shall be a resident of a city at the time the penalty is incurred, the amount of such recovery shall be paid into the treasury of such city, to be applied to the reduction of taxation therein for city purposes.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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IV. MASSACHUSETTS.

## AN ACT TO ENFORCE THE DUTY OF SUFFRAGE.

SECTION 1. It is and shall be the duty of all persons having qualifications of voters prescribed in Sec. 1, Chap. VI., of the Public Statutes, to cause themselves to be registered as voters, and to cast their ballots at the polls at each National, State, county, town, and municipal election held within the towns or cities wherein they respectively reside.

SEC. 2. Whoever, being lawfully entitled to vote, as prescribed in the preceding section, in any town or city, at any National, State, county, town, or municipal election, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to cast his ballot at such election, shall forfeit and pay for each offence not less than five nor more than twenty dollars; provided, that no person shall be liable to the penalty of this section whose failure to vote is caused by illness, or by absence from the town or city in which he is entitled throughout the whole time during which his ballot might be cast, or by circumstances beyond his control.

SEC. 3. Whoever, being lawfully entitled to be registered as a voter, as prescribed in the first section of this Act, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to do everything which is necessary upon his part to secure such registration, shall forfeit and pay for each offence not less than five nor more than twenty dollars; provided, that no person shall be liable to the penalty of this section whose failure to secure registration results from illness, from the neglect or default of other persons, or from absence from his town or city throughout the whole time during which his registration might have been made.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the selectmen, ward, or precinct officers at every election to make and sign a list of the names of the voters who fail to vote at such election, and to transmit said list with the other election returns to the town or city clerk, to be filed in his office as a public record.

SEC. 5. Constables and police officers shall within their respective towns and cities arrest and prosecute every person whom they may have reason to believe to be guilty of violating the provisions of this Act, and one-half of any forfeiture which may be incurred and recovered under this Act shall be paid to the complainant.